GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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NON-FUNCTIONING OF DIPHU AIR/DD CENTRE, ASSAM
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hours telecasting/broadcasting could not be made from Diphu Kendra of Doordarshan/AIR in Assam during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for such disruption; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted telecasting/broadcasting of national/regional programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The year-wise details of interruption in service from Local Radio Station (LRS) andLow Power TV Transmitter (LPT), Diphu are as under:

Year	Break down period (in Hrs.)	
LRS	LPT	
1998-1999	NIL	29.15
1999-2000	8.30	29.23
2000-2001	26.37	19.20

(b) & (c): Main cause of breakdown was frequent power supply failures and in a few cases, due to failure of some equipment. Faults in the equipment were attended to promptly. To minimize the interruption in service due to power supply failures, a Diesel Generator has been provided at the Radio Station as well as at the LPT. Minorinterruption in service, however, occurs, each time the source of supply is changed from Mains to Generator and vice-versa.